

County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DISTRICT 5 **File #:** 21-680

Board Meeting Date: 9/14/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: President David J. Canepa, District 5

Subject: Reappointments to the Assessment Appeals Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for reappointments to the Assessment Appeals Board, each for a second 3-year term ending September 30, 2024:

- A) Clinton Freeman, as a Regular Commissioner; and
- B) Geoffrey Wiggs, as an Alternate Commissioner.

BACKGROUND:

In order to equalize the local tax assessment roll, the Assessment Appeals Board ("AAB") is charged with hearing appeals to property tax assessments. In accordance with state law, a local AAB may lower or increase individual assessments as appropriate. Members of an AAB must have a minimum of five years professional experience in the State of California as a certified public accountant or public accountant, a licensed real estate broker, an attorney, or a property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization.

Pursuant to County Ordinance section 2.92.030 and state law, the Board of Supervisors directly appoints the members of the AAB to renewable three-year terms.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Freeman is a certified general appraiser with more than 17 years of experience. Commissioner Geoffrey Wiggs is an attorney with over seven years of experience practicing in a number of areas involving real estate. Upon approval of their reappointments, they would each be serving a second term on the AAB.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.